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C O N F I D E N T I A L GENEVA 5912

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: SREF

SUBJECT: INDOCHINESE REFUGEES: BOAT CASES: MV AVA

REF: (A) HONG KONG 8685; (B) CARLIN/BRENNAN TELECON OF JULY  
23, 1976

1. PURUSANT REF B, MISSION COMMUNICATED TO U.N. HIGH  
COMMISSIONER FOR REFUGEES USG CONCERN OVER ANTICIPATED  
HKG ACTION WITH RESPECT AVA AS REPORTED REF A. ESPECIALLY  
STRESSED WERE THE EFFECTS SUCH ACTION WOULD HAVE ON OTHER  
POTENTIAL REFUGEE RECIPIENT COUNTRIES IN AREA AND UPON  
SHIPOWNERS AND MASTERS WHO MIGHT BE IN POSITION TO RESCUE  
SUCH REFUGEES IN FUTURE.

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2. HIGH COMMISSIONER EXPRESSED HIS OWN GREAT ANXIETY OVER SITUATION SAYING USG WAS AWARE OF "IMPORTANCE HE ATTACHES TO THIS SORT OF THING." HE SAID HE WOULD IMMEDIATELY LOOK INTO MATTER AND DO EVERYTHING HE COULD WITH RESPECT TO BRITISH AND HONG KONG GOVERNMENTS TO HEAD OFF ANTICIPATED ACTION. HE PROMISED TO KEEP MISSION INFORMED.

3. MISSION WILL ADVISE PROMPTLY FURTHER DEVELOPMENTS HERE.

4. AS FOREGOING BEING PREPARED, UNHCR REP CALLED TO ADVISE THAT HIGH COMMISSIONER CALLING BRITISH AMBASSADOR PERSONALLY URGING ACTION TO PRESENT EXPULSION REFUGEES. HIGH COMMISSIONER REQUESTED "US KEEP PUSHING, TOO" AND KEEP HIM ADVISED. CONCURRENTLY, UNHCR CALLING ITS REP IN LONDON DIRECTING HE TAKE UP MATTER ON URGENT BASIS WITH FOREIGN OFFICE. DALE

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